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In re application of:	Dennis O'Brien)
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For:	ANCHORED PTCA BALLOON)
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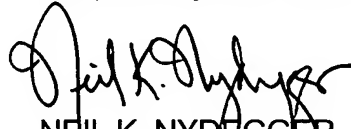
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 4, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 4, 2004, Applicant hereby elects for prosecution on the merits, with traverse, Group I, Species b (claims 1-13), drawn to an anchored PTCA balloon, classified in class 604, subclass 96.01, and shown in Figs. 9-11 of the above-captioned application.

Accordingly, claims 14-20, drawn to a method of forming, classified in class 264, subclass 506 and claims 21-23 drawn to Group I, Species a and shown in Figs. 2-3 and 5-7, may be withdrawn from consideration at this time.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 619-688-1300 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

DATED this 3rd day of November, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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